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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the

following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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1. U.S. Patent No. U.S. 6,205,352 B1, dated March 20, 2001, issued to Carroll;

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2. U.S. Patent No. 5,857,463, dated January 12, 1999, issued to Thurston et

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- Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 9-189770, published July 22, 1997 together with an English language abstract;
- /J.B./ 5. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 10-96782, published April 14, 1998 together with an English language abstract; and
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Applicants are submitting copies references 3-6. References 1 and 2 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of references 1 and 3-6 has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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